

SCHOOL OF HEALTH & NATURAL SCIENCES

STRATEGIC PLAN FY20 – FY23

Vision: Serving Middle Georgia as the destination for STEM and Health Education while graduating adaptable, engaged, lifelong learners who are good stewards of their communities.

Mission: To deliver quality curricula and programs which incorporate evidence-based practice and real-life application which prepare students to be competent professionals and leaders within our community and beyond.

School-Level Imperatives, Strategies, and Action Items					
Imperative	Strategies	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
Grow Enrollment with Purpose	Expand and Enrich F2F Instruction	Evaluate DFW data and re-design courses as needed		Re-evaluate DFW data and re-design courses as needed	
	Expand and Enrich Online Instruction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish 8 week course structure for RN-BSN program Work with Executive Director of Strategic Partnerships to market RN-BSN and MSN programs with corporate partners (e.g. HCA/ Coliseum, Southern Regional Medical Center, Community Health Services) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offer Respiratory Therapy bridge program online in 8 week sessions to currently registered respiratory therapists seeking next level of education at the baccalaureate level 		
Own Student Success	Develop Academic Pipelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish working relationship between Department Chairs and HOSA faculty at area high schools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create Boy Scout Merit Badge Event for science-related badges 		

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect with high school groups • Continue partnership with Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine • Cultivate partnership with Hutchings Career Academy Healthcare high school students 			
	Expand Degrees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss options for new degrees with Chairs and faculty 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer a Master of Science in Health Science • Implement the M.S. in Occupational Therapy
	Expand Student Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop new major-specific student groups • Enhance activities with current student groups • Re-establish living learning communities • Promote Early Assurance Program • Offer Undergraduate Research Apprenticeships to students in Natural Sciences • Promote an Undergraduate Research Symposium for natural sciences student presentations of research 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reinstate the Student Volunteer Service Internship for Natural Sciences students 		
	Expand Experiential Learning	<p>Expand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study abroad • Clinical placement options 			

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-op/ internship opportunities for students • Establish partnership with the Speech Path to enhance clinical opportunities for OTA and Rehab Science students • Offer Course Related Undergraduate Research Experiences (CUREs) to B.S. Biology majors 			
Build Shared Culture	Attract, Ret., Dev., and Rec. Talent	<p>Invest in faculty & staff with/ by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebrating faculty and staff accomplishments • Professional development opportunities (e.g. leadership development, grant writing, cross-disciplinary research discussions and collaboration) • Providing space and equipment to conduct research 			
	Cultivate Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage natural sciences faculty research presentations in Friday Science seminars. 			

	Elevate University and Region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend university recruitment events • Attend GA Chamber Events 	Establish a revenue-generating certified patient simulation center in which clinicians from the middle Georgia region (and beyond) can be trained based on evidence-based practices		
Building Key Partnerships	Expand Corporate Partnerships with local employers for the purpose of securing additional clinical locations, practicums, research, internships etc.	<p>Establish contractual partnership with The Speech Path on the Dublin campus for the OTA program</p> <p>Establish contractual partnership with Coliseum and Fairview Park Hospitals under the HCA system for the RN-BSN program</p> <p>Establish partnership with Southern Regional Healthcare System for the RN-BSN program</p> <p>Establish contractual partnership with Community Health Services of Georgia for ASN program</p>			